

REMARKS

Introductory Matters

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, and 12 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 are allowed. Claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 stand rejected.

Applicants have amended claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 by replacing “any of claims 1-5” with “any one of claims 1-5.”

The Official Action

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner contends that the claims are improper as they recite multiple claim dependency that is not in alternate form. Applicants have amended claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 by replacing “any of claims 1-5” with “any one of claims 1-5.”

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this 112, second paragraph rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments presented above, applicants believe that pending claims 1-6, 9, 11, and 12 are all in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments, consider the foregoing remarks, and allow the pending claims to issue.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful review of this application. If it is believed that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned anytime at (617) 444-6525.

Respectfully submitted,

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